Manawatū-Whanganui Regional Council (trading as Horizons Regional Council) Manawatū-Rangitikei Constituency Electing 2 Regional Councillors



Leslie PILLOW

My principal place of residence is in the Manawatū-Rangitikei Constituency area. I am also standing for MidCentral District Health Board.

Les has a varied background, including journalist, editor, publisher, business owner, salesman,

interviewer and, for a time, a bumble bee catcher. Les has lived mostly in the lower North Island with newspaper stints at the Evening Post, Turangi Chronicle and Havelock North Village Press and magazines including Flyfisher. A keen angler from boyhood, he developed a keen interest in conservation believing it is a fine balancing act requiring both more carrot and a small stick to ensure a safe, clean, breathable, drinkable, swimmable, fishable, huntable environment with input and contributions from both urban and rural populations. Les is particularly interested in transport and how we can improve and speed our connections and roadways while improving safety, by promoting roundabouts and median barriers. Unleashing our potential, including tourism, is vitally important - Manawatu Gorge could become a crown jewel along with our beaches, ranges and cultural facilities.